Docket No. T3392-907823

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In re application of : Confirmation No.: 5426

William R. LEHMAN et al. : Examiner:

: Minh Chau Thi PHAM

Serial No.: 10/015,583

: Group Art Unit: 1724 Filed: December 17, 2001

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For: System and Method for Removing

Contaminates from the Air in a Mail-Sorting

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McLean, Virginia

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 1.48(a) AND 1.183

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the denied petition mailed on February 22, 2005.

This paper is accompanied with the following items:

- (1) Resubmitted Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a) with the following attachments:
 - (A) Request to Correct Inventorship Under 37 CFR §1.48(a)
 - (B) A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent
- Application
- (C) Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document dated February 21,2002;

- (D) Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document dated July 12, 2002;
- (E) Statement from B.E. IRBY in Support of Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a); and
 - (2) Consent of Assignee of Entire Interest

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fee that is deemed to be owed as a result of the filing of this paper, to Deposit Account No. 501165.

Date: February 24, 2005

David R. Schaffer Reg. No. 43,089

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Petition is filed for the purpose of having the Office accept a new declaration in the present application without being executed by William R. Lehman, who is a named inventor.

An application for patent may be accepted when one of the inventors refuses to execute an oath or declaration, provided the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.47(a) are satisfied. These requirements are as follows:

- 1. All of the available joint inventors must execute an oath or declaration on their own behalf as required under 37 CFR § 1.63;
- 2. The available joint inventors must execute an oath or declaration on behalf of the inventor who is refusing to sign;

- 3. A petition must be filed which includes proof of the pertinent facts relating to the inventor's refusal to execute an oath or declaration;
- 4. The fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(h) must be filed to accompany the petition; and
 - 5. The last known address of the refusing inventor must be provided.

 All the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.47(a) have been satisfied.

A. First Requirement: Executed Declarations of Available Inventors.

The present application was originally filed naming a single inventor, William R. Lehman, with an executed Declaration. However, there actually were two inventors, William R. Lehman and David A. Stout. As a result, a Request to Correct Inventorship is attached hereto as Attachment A and a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached hereto as Attachment B, which has only been signed by Mr. Stout.

Mr. Lehman executed a Declaration as a sole inventor in the application on December 14, 2001, and which was filed with the application on December 17, 2001.

B. Second Requirement: Signing on Behalf of Non-Signing Inventor.

Under MPEP § 409.03(a), a declaration signed by the other joint inventor with the signature block of the non-signing inventor left blank may be treated as having been signed by all the available joint inventors on behalf of the non-signing inventor. It is respectfully submitted that the blank signature block for Inventor Lehman appearing in the Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Inventor Stout (Attachment B) is sufficient to satisfy the requirement of MPEP § 409.03(a) of having the available joint inventor sign on behalf of the non-signing inventor.

C. Third Requirement: Proof of Refusal to Sign.

This paper satisfies the requirement of filing a petition requesting that the present Petition and application papers be accepted without an oath or declaration executed by Inventor Lehman. Under Rule 47(a), the petition must be accompanied by proof of Inventor Lehman's refusal to execute an oath or declaration in this application. Proof of this refusal is set forth below.

The invention disclosed and claimed in the present application resulted from work performed by the named Inventors. With Inventor Stout's knowledge, Inventor Lehman filed a patent application (Application Serial No. 10/015,583) covering this invention on April 25, 2000, however, it was without Inventor Stout's knowledge that Inventor filed the application naming only Lehman as a sole inventor. Subsequently, on December 14, 2001, Lehman assigned 50% of his rights in the application and any patent(s) issuing therefrom to Stout, as evidenced by the Recordation of Assignment, dated December 17, 2001 (Reel 012406, Frame 0719), attached hereto as Attachment C. On April 17, 2002, Lehman and Stout each assigned their entire right, title and interest in the application and any and all patent(s) issuing therfrom to American Safe Air, Inc., as evidenced by the Recordation of Assignment (Reel 012877, Frame 0402), dated May 8, 2002, attached hereto as Attachment D.

On September 23, 2004, an Office Action rejecting all currently pending claims over newly cited art was mailed. Upon review of the Office Action and file history, it was determined that the inventorship of the application needed to be corrected to add Mr. David A. Stout and that the Office Action could be overcome by filing a new Declaration and Power of Attorney and a Declaration of Prior Invention signed by both Mr. Lehman and Mr. Stout. Mr. Stout has signed both documents.

However, Mr. Lehman has not, even though they were personally presented to him on October 22, 2004.

In fact, Inventor Lehman personally indicated that he refused to execute the declaration papers that were delivered to him in on October 22, 2004. Evidence of this refusal is attached in Attachment E, which is a Statement from Mr. B. E. Irby who, as an agent for the assignee in the present application, personally meet with and presented the Declarations and other necessary application papers to Inventor Lehman on October 22, 2004. As Mr. Irby's Statement indicates, Inventor Lehman personally informed Mr. Irby that he refused to sign any of the above-identified Declarations presented to him by Mr. Irby on October 22, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing remarks and the attachments to this paper are sufficient as proof of Inventor Lehman's refusal to execute an oath or declaration in connection with the present application.

D. Fourth Requirement: Petition Fee.

The fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(h) is attached.

E. Fifth Requirement: Last Know Address.

The last known address of Inventor Lehman is:

William R. Lehman (#128276) Cummins Prison P.O. Box 500 Grady, AR 71644

F. Summary.

All requirements under 37 CFR § 1.47 are believed to have been satisfied.

Accordingly, it is earnestly solicited that the inventorship of the present application be corrected without an executed oath or declaration of William R. Lehman.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (Attorney Docket No. T3392-907823) and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed herewith for internal authorization purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 1, 2004

David R. Schaffer Reg. No. 43,089

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REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the inventorship be corrected to name the following inventors in the order stated:

David A. Stout

William R. Lehman

This request adds inventor David A. Stout.

Accompanying this Request is a Statement from each person being added as an inventor, a Declaration by the actual inventors, the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i), an Assignment executed by the actual inventors, and a Written Consent of the Assignee (37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165. Any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this

paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES & STOCKBRIDGE P.C.

Date: November 1, 2004

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2) ACCOMPANYING PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Attn: Mail Stop Petition

Sir:

I, David A. Stout, state that the inventorship error specified in the accompanying Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), i.e., the failure to name me as an inventor, occurred without any deceptive invent on my part.

David A. Stout

Date: 10-27-04

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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name and registration number)

I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the Customer Number 000181 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Full name of second inventor, if any
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Second inventor's signature

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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, I, William R. Lehman, have invented certain new and useful improvements in A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOVIING CONTAMINANTS FROM THE AIR IN A MAIL-SORTING ROOM, for which a patent application has been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

AND WHEREAS, <u>David A. Stout</u>, a citizen of the United States of America, whose postal address is <u>698 Marque</u>, <u>Mountain Home</u>, <u>Arkansas 72653</u>, is desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention and in any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign unto David A. Stout, a one-half (50%) undivided interest in and to inventions disclosed in said application and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States and in and to any Letters Patent or Inventor's Certificates of any and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor, and in and to any and all priority and/or Convention rights or benefits accruing or to accrue to us with respect to the filing or securing of patents in the United States and/or securing of patents or inventor's certificates in any and all countries foreign thereto, and retain for myself the remaining undivided (50%) interest.

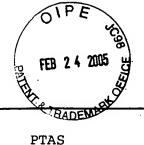
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William K. Lehman

Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, William R. Lehman, have invented certain new and useful improvements in "A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOVING CONTAMINANTS FROM THE AIR IN A MAIL-SORTING ROOM", for which a patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2001, and assigned Serial No. 10/015,583;

AND WHEREAS, I William R. Lehman assigned onto David A. Stout, a citizen of the United States of America, whose postal address is 698 Marque, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653, a 50% interest in said invention and in any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor by Assignment dated December 14, 2001, and recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2001, at Reel/Frame 612406/074;

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of \$1.00 and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, William R. Lehman and David A. Stout, do hereby sell, assign and convey unto American Safe Air Inc., of Mountain Home, Arkansas, its successors or assigns, our entire right, title and interest in said application Serial No. 10/015,583 such that full ownership of all rights in said application shall hereby be transferred to American Safe Air Inc. and;

(1) in and to an invention entitled "A System and Method for Removing Contaminants from the Air in a Mail-Sorting Room", as described or intended to be described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 10/015,583 filed December 17, 2001;

(2) in and to all other applications for Letters Patent of the United States, (including all divisional, continuation, substitute and reissue applications) based upon said invention, and in and to the patent or patents to be granted thereon, including extensions and reissues, if any, to the full end of the term or terms for which said patents may be granted; and

(3) in and to all applications for patents on said invention or any application for invention certificates now or hereafter filed in countries foreign to the United States of America, including any applications for patent filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and/or the European Patent Convention on or any other International Convention and to any and all patents and invention certificates granted on said applications to the full end of the terms for which said patents and invention certificates may be granted.

We do hereby covenant and agree that we will, upon request of Assignee, its successors, or assigns, and without further consideration to us:

- 1. execute any and all papers deemed necessary by said Assignee, its successors or assigns, to fulfill the intent and purpose of this agreement, and
- 2. provide the Assignee, its successors or assigns, with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention or said application and will testify as to the same in any judicial or other proceeding related thereto;

it being understood that any expense incident to such activities shall be paid by said Assignee, its successors or assigns and not by us,

And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue the said Letters Patent of the United

States, and each of them, to the said Assignee, its successors or assigns, as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest therein.

Typed/Printed Name: William R. LEHMAN
Date: 09-11-0/D
Signature:
Inventor
Typed/Printed Name: <u>David A. STOUT</u>
Date: 64-17-62
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Contaminants from the Air in a

Mail-Sorting Room

STATEMENT FROM B. E. IRBY IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, B.E. Irby, hereby declare:

- 1. I am a retired Arkansas State Trooper, a former FBI agent, and a licensed private investigator and represented Mr. David A. Stout and American Safe Air, Inc. in connection with obtaining signatures from Mr. William R. Lehman on various legal documents, including documents pertaining to the prosecution of the above-identified application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- 2. Specifically, the documents for signature that pertained to the prosecution of the above-identified application included: a Joint Declaration and Power of Attorney of William R. Lehman and David A. Stout, and a Joint Declaration of Prior Invention To Overcome a Cited Publication Under 37 CFR § 1.131(a).

Serial No. 10/015,583

- 3. At 1:00 PM, on Friday, October 22, 2004, I personally appeared and met with Mr. Lehman at the Cummins Correctional Facility in Grady, Arkansas, where Mr. Lehman is currently incarcerated. At this time I personally presented to Mr. Lehman all of the documents identified in paragraph 2 herein for his signature, along with a complete copy of the originally filed application (including specification, claims, abstract and figures); previously-filed Responses and Amendments; a proposed Response to an Office Action mailed September 23, 2004; and copies of previously executed and recorded Assignment documents in which Mr. Lehman assigned his entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application and any patent(s) to issue therefrom to American Safe Air, Inc. Upon presentation of the above documents to and my requesting that Mr. Lehman review all of the provided documents before signing any of the patent-related documents, Mr. Lehman personally informed me that he refused to sign the Joint Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Joint Declaration of Prior Invention documents.
- 4. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements made herein were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

B. E. Irby

<u>Oct</u> 27, 2004 Date



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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is being concurrently filed. Both joint inventors have assigned their entire right, title and interest to American Safe Air, Inc., and which is recorded at Reel 012877, Frame 0402.

The Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-subject application, American Safe Air, Inc., hereby consents to the accompanying Petition to Correct Ownership under 37 CFR 1.48(a). A Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is filed concurrently herewith because of the refusal of the originally named inventor,

Wiffiam R. LEHMAN, to sign a new Declaration.

Signature

Date

Person signing for assignce David A. Stout

President

American Safe Air, Inc.